



**MUD, CAMP, & SPRING CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
407 EIGHTH STREET SE, ALTOONA, IOWA**

**April 10th, 2019
1:30 PM**

Attendees:

WMA Members:

Chris Widmer – City of Pleasant Hill

Jennifer Welch – Polk SWCD

Bob Rice – Polk County

Vern Willey – City of Altoona

Others:

Jim Utter- City of Altoona

John Swanson – Polk SWCD

Mark Land – Snyder & Associates

Clifford Leonard- Public

Amanda Brown – Polk SWCD

Aaron Chittenden - DMACC

Steve Klocke – Snyder and Associates

Clint Miller - NRCS

Mark Ackelson – Pleasant Hill P&Z

Karen Oppelt – City of Altoona

Kyle Riley – Polk County

Cameron Stufflebeam – Polk EMA

Kyle Ament – Iowa DNR

Charles Ikenberry – FYRA

Katie Schwaegler – FYRA

Allison Riley – Des Moines MPO

Doug Sheeley - PCCB

1. Welcome/Introductions – *Bob Rice; Chair 1:35pm*
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. *Vern Willey 1st, Chris Widmer 2nd*
 - b. *Agenda approved*
3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. *January 9th meeting minutes up for approval.*
 - b. *Vern Willey 1st, Jennifer Welch 2nd*
 - c. *Minutes approved*
4. Capital Crossroads Policy Presentation and Discussion – Aaron Chittenden
Aaron highlighted what will be included in the upcoming policy presentations to city councils. He stated that now that the Capital Crossroads process is complete,

presentations will be given to all city councils in the metro about the process and what the next steps will be.

John Swanson stated that it is important for city staff to meet with Aaron and others involved beforehand so the presentation can be best tailored to each community.

5. Implementation Update

a. Polk SWCD

Swanson told the group that construction has begun on the wetlands at the Metro Waste Authority landfill in Camp Creek. These wetlands will provide flood control as well as water quality benefits.

He also mentioned that the city of Pleasant Hill was awarded an urban Water Quality Initiative grant focused on making changes to traditional design on a pond/basin being installed within the city. This new design would include more water quality benefits. The structure will be installed sometime this year.

b. MPO

Allison Riley said that the new Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently going around for approval.

Cameron Stufflebeam stated that there has been a declaration of disaster for the recent flooding in the state. This opens up mitigation dollars – \$12 million total for the state. Jurisdictions should submit a notice of interest if you have a project you are looking to use the funding for. Your project must be within the current Hazard Mitigation Plan (2014 version). There is a 15% local match requirement and no deadline has been set yet. Reach out to Cameron with questions

Clint Miller also said there is funding through the NRCS in response to the recent floods. This funding mainly focuses on removing debris from streams, road culverts, and bridges as well as repairing eroding banks, levees, and drainage facilities. There is a 25% local match requirement. Deadline is May 22nd. Reach out to Clint with questions or if interested in applying.

c. WMA Jurisdictions

Chris Widmer stated that Pleasant Hill had their first meeting highlighting their new stream buffer ordinance.

John Swanson said the Walnut Creek Watershed is now looking at adopting a similar ordinance of their own.

6. Next Quarterly Meeting; July 10th, 2019

Altoona City Hall

7. Adjourn

2:24pm

Upcoming Meetings

Council of WMAs

May 13th, 2019, 2:00pm
Polk County Public Works
5885 NE 14th Street
Des Moines, IA 50313

WMAs of Iowa

May 3rd, 2019
DMACC
Newton, Iowa